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Incident #233

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Place of Business: Worth Jackson Air Park Hobby: Pilot. Pis not considered an amateur pilot. siders himself well qualified to determine type, size, color, and distance of most objects, and particularly aircraft.

Informant claims eyesight as being 20 - 20. As to reliability of the was given good recommendations by all who knew him. A check of law enforcement agencies was made concerning with negative results. It is his own employer, as he is the owner and operator of the Jackson Air Park. The sightings, in general, are considered excellent, and his attention was drawn to this object by the actual sighting of it.

- 4. Other witnesses to this phenomena were wife and a rs. of Highway, Jackson, Mississippi, housewife, According to informants, Mrs. Mrs. reliability is unquestionable.
- 5. The OSI Agent, at the time of this interview, was accompanied by Lt. Colonel RICHARD L. BISCARD, Deputy Base Commander, 2588th AFRIC, Hawkins Field, Jackson, Mississippi. Lt. Colonel BISGARD and the OSI Agent making the interview considered as being thoroughly reliable and of better-than-average intelligence, and seemingly of an excellent character. Ir. RESH is a former WSAF Pilot.
- 6. There are no radar operations in this area. See inclosed weather report listed as Exhibit "C" for general weather information in that, area at the time this object was sighted.
- 7. A check with the Airport Hanagers of both the Delta Air Lines and the Chicago and Southern Airlines and with the Base Operations failed to reveal any flights in this vicinity at the time object was sighted, other than is shown. (See Exhibit "D".) It is unknown whether there were any testing devices of the United States Air Force sent alift in this area on this date.
- 8. See Exhibit "?" for report of information concerning this object from THOMAS A. RUSH. There were no fragments or physical evidence available, nor was there any radio antenna to be observed, nor were there any other projections or extensions that might possibly be construed as such.

Inclosures:

## FOR DISTRICT OFFICE # 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO:

One copy of map showing line of flight of unidentified object, Exhibit "A". The copy of sketch of object seen by ir. Thibit "on

One copy of weather report, Dehibit "J". One copy of Airplane Operations in the vicinity of Jackson, Hes., Exhibit und One copy of letter to CC, Tright-Patterson ATB, Chio, from the

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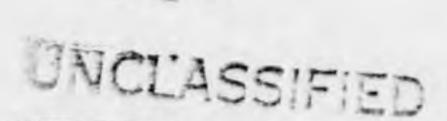
DETAILS:

Jackson Air Force Base, Mississippi, upon receipt of a TAX from the Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, requesting that a detailed report be obtained reference the unidentified aerial phenomena sighted by Mr. Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

- e. On 6 January 1949 Mr. museum to the date of 1 January 1949, while he and his wife and a Mr. and Mrs. were flying from Gulfport to North Jackson Air Park in a Stinson Aircraft, at a speed of approximately one hundred twenty-five miles per hour, at an altitude of seventeen hundred feet, traveling 3400 or Worthwest, two miles East of Jackson, Mississippi, one half mile Worth of Highway SOE, almost to the Pearl River Swamp and East of Knox Glass Bottling Company from a position of 1:00 counter-clockwise to between 7:00 and 3:00, 320 20' North Latitude, 900 10' Longitude (see attached map, Exhibit "A".) There was only one object. This object was about five hundred feet directly in front of the plane and when first seen, this object was about 100 below the horizon and gradually climbing above the horizon as the object went around, at an altitude of approximately sixteen hundred feet to seventeen hundred feet. he had an opportunity to view this object approximately ten to twelve seconds. Turther described the object as being either dark blue or black. the attached diagram rather than describing its shape in words. For the shape of the object, see Exhibit """. I ther stated this object appeared to be of solid construction. As to size, escribed this object as being sixty feet to seventy feet long, eight feet to ten feet in diameter, the front end tapering to two feet to three feet at the rear. A drther described the object as resembling a large sleeve target, the front opening much larger than the opening of a sixty toward Jackson, Hississippi, at a 500 to 600 turn toward the Southwest. scribed the object's maneuvers as being horizontal, then turned, gradual ascent, picked up a tremendous speed, seemingly a very slow fluttering as it departed. As to evidence of exhaust, effect on clouds, lights, support, propulsion, there was no evidence of any kind. That when first sighted, this object was traveling at what he considered approximately two hundred miles per hour, but as it turned and departed, its speed appeared faster than Jets, making four hundred to five hundred miles per hour. As to sound and did not notice any particular sound; however, wife and the pilot's wife claim to have heard a seemingly coaring sound as the object left the visinity, and introduced that this object just faced from view.
  - 3. Information relative to the observer is as follows.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS	Bernard A. Price			
TITLE	Jackson AFB Detachment, DO # 9			
PROJECT "SIGN" UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA SIGHTED AT	1 January 1949 - 6 January 1949			
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BY MR. THOMAS A. RUSH	DO # 9, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana			
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CHARACTER

Subversive Activity

REFERENCE

Request for Investigation from the Commanding Officer, Jackson AFB, Mississippi

SYNOPSIS

This investigation conducted at the request of the Commanding Officer, Jackson Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Investigation in Jackson, Mississippi, and vicinity revealed that a Mr.

Jivilian, did, between the hours of 1630 and 1730 on the date of
l January 1949, sight a strange object flying over Jackson, Mississippi, which
Mr. Was unable to identify but described as traveling at a rate of speed
estimated at two hundred miles per hour when first sighted and upon this object's
departure, it traveled at an estimated rate of speed from four hundred to five
hundred miles per hour. Further reported this object to be somewhat similar
to a cigar in shape and approximately sixty feet to seventy feet in length.

Investigation further revealed that Mr. This a reliable man and one who is not inclined to create objects of this type by his imagination.

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# HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO: 9D 32-3

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
18 January 1948

SUBJECT: PRO.

PROJECT "SIGN"

UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA SIGHTED AT

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BY MR.

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY

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District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio

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- 1. Transmitted herewith, in quadruplicate, are completed results of investigation concerning above subject for delivery to the Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Chio. This investigation is in compliance with a TVX from the Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to the Commanding Officer, Jackson Air Force Base, Mississippi.
- 2. Sufficient copies of this report of investigation are forwarded for your Office to withdraw one copy of this report.

1 Incl Rpt of Invest (4) EDWARD R. FORD

Major, USAF

District Commander

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5th District OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, 26 January 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAKO, Lt. Smith

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

1 Incl Quad cy w/d H. B. GIBSON Colonel, USAF

District Commander

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Incident: 233

a pilot with Dixie Air Service, Jackson, Mississiupi, and his wifs (private pilot), sighted an unidentified aerial object 2 miles east of Jackson, Mississippi, at 1700 C, 1 Jan 49 while coming in for a landing at the Dixie Airport. Object was first described as being cigar-shaped with short stubby wings resembling a rocket. (Second report states there were no wings) Mr. Decifically states in a signed letter "as the object made its turn, it was then that I noticed the object didn't have wings." Object was first thought to be a large tow target about 60 feet long and about 10 feet in diameter at one end and about 4 ft at the trailing end. The tail even fluttered like a target but there was nothing towing it and the object moved at greater speed than tow targets. When the object crossed in front of the plans estimated the speed to be about 200 MPH and stated that the object crossed some 500 feet in front of them. After the turn, the object was within 1,200 feet of the plane. Mr attempted to point out the object to the pilot but the pilot did not understand and apparently did not see the object. As the object turned to the southwest it accelerated its speed and fley out of sight. Object seen for some 10 to 12 seconds. Color was dark blue or black. Speed at first sighting - 200 miles per hour, later thought to have accelerated to between 400 to 600 moh.

Object was sighted by the above persons who were passengers in a Stinson civilian aircraft. No photographs were taken since a camera was not available. The Stinson was flying at about 1,800 feet. Investigation of flight schedules of adjacent airfields could throw no light on the incident.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTED 2 MI EAST OF JACKSON MISS

AT 1700C 1 JAN 1949. WEATHER CLEAR AND VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED.

REPORTED BY SAVE. JACKSON MISS TELEPHONE

51064. ONE OBJECT SEEN APPROXIMATELY 60 FT LONG CIGAR SHAPE

SHORT WINGS LOOKED LIKE ROCKET DARK BLUE OR BLACK IN COLOR

TRAVELING AT VERY HIGH SPEED AT 1500 FT ALTITUDE. APPARENTLY

VERY MANEUVERABLE MADE SOUND LIKE HELICOPTER NO EXHAUST TRAIL.

HEADING SOUTHWEST LAST SEEN. OBJECT FIRST SEEN 2 MI EAST OF

- 1 Jan 1949 1700 Date and Time of Observation:
- Where Sighted: 2 miles east of Jackson, Mississippi
- Observer's Position: from air at an altitude of about 1,300 ft (i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
- Mr & Mrs Name and Address of Observer: Jackson, Mississippi
- 5. Occupation and/or hobbies: Pilot employed by Dixie Air Service at Jackson,
- Mississippi. The AAF pilot something fly/in front of them 6. Attention Attracted by:
- Number of Object(s) Seen:
- 60 ft long. 10 feet wide tapering to 4 ft S. Size of Object(s):
- Dark blue or black Color of Object(s):
- 10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) cigar-shaped not unlike sleeve target. (1st report mentioned short stubby wings)
- Nature of Luminosity: (directed beam of light?)
- 1500 to 1600 feet, then a gradual climb 12. Altitude of Object: (estimated)
- Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: Crossed path of plane at 13. 500 feet; after turn it was as close as 1,200 feet from them
- Estimated Speed of Object: Approx 200 MPH when first sighted, then accelerating to approximately 400 to 500 MPH 14.
- Time in Sight: 10 to 12 meconds
- Tactics: Made 50° turn and increased speed as it headed southwest 16.
- Similar to helicopter (1st report Sound Made by Object(s): 17. roar (2d report)
- West them southwest Direction of Flight of Object(s) 18.
- Similar to tow target Apparent Construction: 19.
- I/S 20. Effect on Clouds:
- Exhaust Trail (Color of): none visible
- 22. Manner of Disappearance: graduat climbed toward Southwest & disappeared
- Weather clear to southwest Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting:
- Peculiarities Noted: As object made turn object appeared to have no wings.
- (DAGL) autmury of Incident: (See attached page)

No. 233: Definitely no balloon; made turns, definite fuselage, accelerated from 200 M.P.H. to 400 M.P.H.

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AIR WHATHER SERVICE

Andrews Air Force Base

Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To: AMS DSS

11 Pay 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Commanding General

Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Daytor, Chio

ATTN: MCIAXO-3

- 1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAIS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indersement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.
- 2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.
- 3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Hadar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER STRVICE

2 Inols:

1 - Incident Summaries

2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/8/ W. A. West

W. A. WEST

Lt. Col., USAP

Adjutant General

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EXHIBIT B

Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

#### INCIDENT INDEX

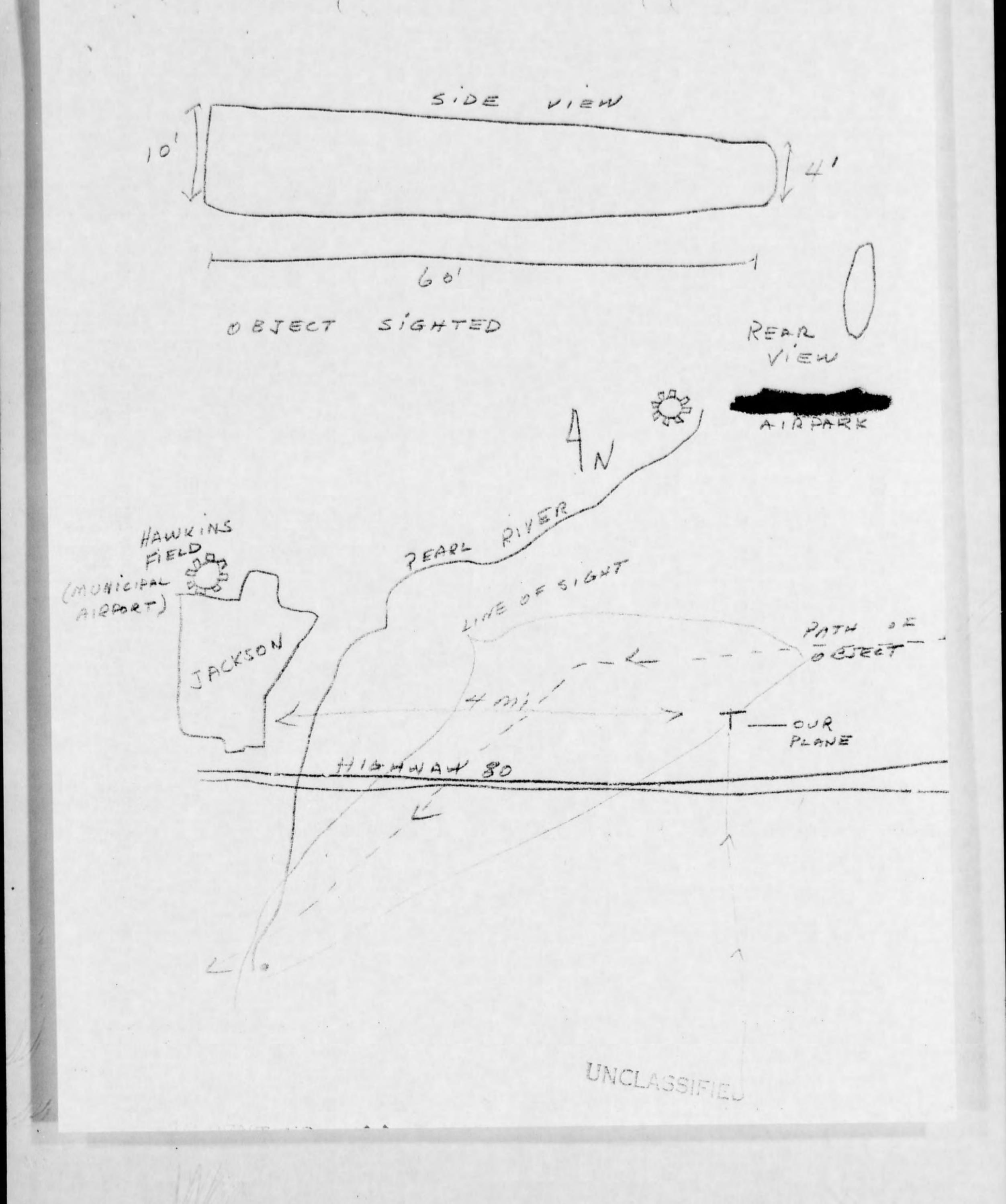
#### 1. Astronomical

- #26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216, 219, 238.
- b. Fair or low probability: #19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 35, 46, 50, 63, 67, 86, 82, 93, 100, 112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192, 199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.
- 2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations
  - #3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115, 126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163, 169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239,
  - b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies: #4, 5, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.
  - a. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.): \$39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.
- 3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident
  - a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation: #38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233)
  - b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation: #1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 51, 52, 64, 58, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 152, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 228, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

Incident #233 -- near Jackson, Mississippi -- 1 January 1949

There is nothing in this incident that can be said to have an astronomical origin.

The object sighted is described as resembling a tow target, but with no towing plane seen. No one else reported . seein; the object after this one sighting by several persons.



Commanding General AMC Wright-Patterson AAB Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCIAX 0-3

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reply to a request from the Base Commander, Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Miss. on a strange object sighted by my wife on 1 January 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. The properties of the airport in Jackson and I were approaching the airport and our altitude was about 1,800 feet when I saw something go in front of us. I assumed that it was another plane since it was headed toward the Municipal Airport in Jackson and was on the eastern leg of the airways.

I watched the object to try to recognize the type of plane. After it passed, it made a turn of about 50 degrees and headed southwest. The time was 17:00 as we had just made a comment on the time and I had checked our ground speed. As the object made its turn, it was then that I noticed the object didn't have wings. At that time, my wife saw the object and became excited. She is a private pilot and is familiar with plane identification from the air.

The sun had not set and the weather was clear to the southwest as the object went away from us. When it crossed in front of us, I estimated the speed to be about 200 mph and about 500 feet in front of us. After the turn, it was as close as 1,200 feet from us. We tried to point out the object to the pilot, but he thought we were trying to show him something else.

As the object turned and went to the southwest, with a sudden burst of speed, it was out of sight. In all, I saw the object 10 or 18 seconds.

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At first, I thought the object was a large tow target about 60 feet long and about 10 feet in diameter at one end and about 4 feet at the trailing end. The tail even fluttered like a target but there was nothing towing it and it maved at a greater speed than tow targets I've seen before.

When we landed about five minutes later, we called the CAA Control Tower to see if this thing had landed at the Municipal Airport and were informed that nothing had landed there recently. The Control Tower then notified the Air Corps.

Although I was not flying at the time, I have approximately 1,800 hours of military and civiliam pilot time and know my aircraft identification pretty good--except in this case.

Attached to this letter is a drawing of this object and a rough sketch of where the object was sighted. If I can be of further assistance to you, I will be glad to help.

Very truly yours



#### EXHIBIT IV

On 4 January 1949 the following airplane operations were contacted to determine the possibility of any flights within the Jackson, Miss. vicinity during the time in question.

Chicago and Southern Airlines Operations:

No flights in the vicinity of Jackson, Miss. between 1630 C and 1730 C. Delta Airlines Operations:

Flight 309 from Atlanta, Ga. to Dallas, Tex., arrived Jackson, Miss 1731.
Only flight in this vicinity between 1630 C and 1730 C.

Base Operations, 2588th AFRTC, Hawkins Field, Jackson, Miss.:

NG-8651-F-47-McWilliams--From Meridian, Miss. Departed 1648 C, to Jackson, Miss.

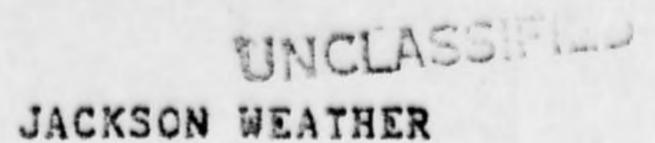
Arrived 1715 C

NG-1545-T-6- Jordan--From Meridian, Miss. Departed 1718-C to Jackson, Miss.

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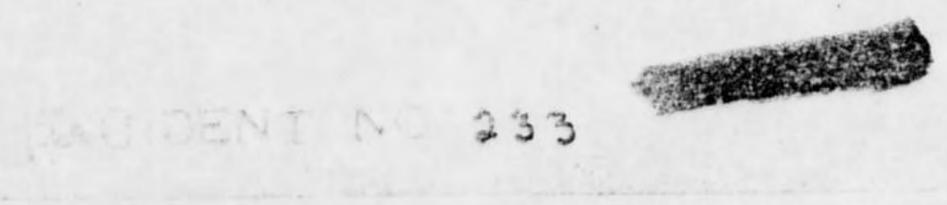
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- 5. Speed: Approximately 200 MPH when first sighted, then accelerated to approximately 400 to 500 MPH.
- 6. Heading: West, turning to South to Southwest.
- 7. Manauverability: Not noticed.
- 3, Altitude: 1500 to 1600 feet, then gradual climb.
- 9. Sound: Roar.
- 10, Exhaust trail: None.

g. General remarks: The persons who sighted the above described object were enroute from Gulfport, Miss. to Jackson, Miss. in a private sircraft and were making an approach for a landing at the Dixie Airport when the object was first sighted. After landing, Mr Alexandelled the control tower at Hawkins Field to find out if the objectshad landed there and if so to find out its identity. The control tower reported the incident to Base Headquarters.

- 2 Incl
  - 1. Weather Report
  - 2. Sketch of Object

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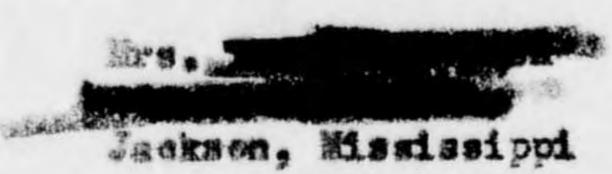
SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

Commanding General TO: Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, Chie ATTN: TSDIX

- 1. In compliance with Group Letter 205-3, dated 22 September 1948, the following information is submitted.
  - a. (1) Object was sighted two (2) miles East of Jackson, Mississippi at 17000, 1 January 1949.
  - b. Weather at the time: See inclosure number one (1).
  - o. Names, secupations, and addresses:

Alrport Manager, Dixie Airport

Tackson, Mississippi



Housewife Jacrson, Mississippi

- d. Photographs of object: None
- e. Sketches of objects: See inclosure number two (2).
- 2. Object sighted:
  - 1. Number: One (1).
  - 2. Shape: Gigar like. Not unlike sleeve target.
  - 3. Size: Approximately 60 feet long and 10 feet diameter at the front tapering to the rear.
  - 4. Colors dark blas or black

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